

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

A.P. Forest Department – Allegation of illegal mining and encroachments in the Bellary Reserve Forest Area of Ananthapur Forest Division – Constitution of Committee for determining / demarcating the mining leases as per the orders of the Supreme Court of India – Orders Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (For.I) DEPARTMENT

GO.Rt.No. 161

Dated:25-03-2010

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No. 122, EFS&T Department, Dated:7.12.2009
2. Order of the Supreme Court of India Dated: 23.03.2010 in SLP(C) No. 7366-7367 of 2010.
3. Minutes of the meeting held by Chief Secretary on 23-03-2010 at 3:00 P.M.

ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, orders have been issued constituting a Multi-Disciplinary Survey Team determining / demarcating the mining leases on the allegations of illegal mining and encroachments in the Bellary R.F. area of Ananthapur Forest Division and also to survey and demarcate the leased boundaries correctly. The committee had two meetings to work out the modalities etc.

2. In the meanwhile the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its order dated: 22.03.2010 in SLP(C).No. 7366-7367 of 2010 directed that the boundaries of six mining leases in Bellary R.F. area of Ananthapur Forest Division be determined / demarcated by a team consisting of Senior Representatives / Officer of the Survey of India from Dehradun Headquarters heading the team. Others would be members from MoEF, Mining Department, Forest Department and Revenue Departments of State of Andhra Pradesh. Representatives of lessees with assistance of surveyors, if any, can be represented in the team of Survey only to facilitate the team to complete the work as mentioned. The Hon'ble Supreme Court further directed that the team headed by Survey of India,Dehradun to survey in respect of 68.5 hectares of land first and to file a report on or before 9.4.2010 and that the team shall meet on 26.3.2010 and start measurement work soon thereafter on day to day basis. There shall be no mining operations in these leases.

3. In view of the above directions of the Supreme Court of India, the Government hereby constitute a team with the following to determine / demarcate the six mining leases in Bellary R.F. area of Ananthapur Forest Division.

1. Mr A.K Padha, Major General, Survey of India, Dehradun, Headquarters.
2. Chief Conservator of Forests, Regional Office, Bangalore, MoEF, GoI.
3. Sri K.C.L. Narsimha Reddy, ZJDM & G, Kadapa (FAC)
4. Sri P.V. Padmanabham, IFS, CCF, Ananthapur.
1. Sri K.Chalapathi Rao, Deputy Director, Survey & Land Records.

4. The representatives of lessees with assistance of surveyors, if any can be represented in the team of survey only to facilitate the team to complete the work.

5. The Superintendent of Police, Ananthapur District will co-ordinate with the committee in the issues involving security and other related issues.

6. The Committee shall take action for determining / demarcating the six mining leases in Bellary R.F. area of Ananthapur Forest Division as directed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

JANAKI R.KONDAPI,
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To

The Members of the Committee

The MoEF, GoI, Paryavaran Bhavan, CGO Complex,
Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110003.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

The Superintendent of Police, Ananthapur.

Copy to:

The Industries & Commerce Department,

The Home Department.

The Revenue Department.

The Chief Conservator of Forests,

Regional Office, Bangalore, MoEF, GoI.

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SECTION OFFICER.